



School District No. 42 Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows

Indigenous Education

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Welcome Parents and Caregivers!

What an exciting time for you and your student entering Kindergarten! We are thrilled to have them start school in School District #42 and would like to take the time to introduce you to our Indigenous Education department, explain process of Self Identification, and how to register your child for supports from the department. "Self- Identification of Indigenous Ancestry" is an easy process that allows your child to access additional school supports from the Indigenous Education Department. If you have First Nations, Metis, or Inuit ancestry anywhere in your family line, this opportunity may be of interest to you.

Who Can Self-Identify as an Indigenous Student?

Indigenous Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (status or non-status), Métis, or Inuit ancestry. No documentation for proof of Ancestry is required, and the ancestry can go back several generations.

Why should I Self-Identify

We encourage all students of First Nations, Métis, or Inuit Ancestry to complete a Self-Identification form as this allows you to access various supports and programs while attending school. These include in-class academic support, social/emotional supports, and cultural activities.

How do I Self-Identify?

There are 3 ways:

1. Fill out the form attached to this letter and email or scan it to ied@sd42.ca or drop it off at your child's school
2. Download a form from the Indigenous Education web site: [Self-Identifying Students for Supports](#)
3. Pick up the Self ID form from the office at the school your child will be attending.

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Questions ?

Will my child be pulled out of class for extra support?

When we take students from class for support it is done in alignment with existing support plans that have been developed by either the classroom teacher or the school-based support team. You can request that your child remain in class for additional support.

What types of support are available?

Indigenous Education supports can take the form of additional academic support, field trips or cultural gatherings. Indigenous Education offers cultural programs planned on a regular basis. The Indigenous Education staff are a part of the schools' education team all making a positive connection together.

Can I self-identify and choose not to receive extra supports?

In some cases, families and students choose to self-identify, but do not want us to provide additional academic or cultural support. Our funding requires us to maintain regular contact with all students who have self-identified; however, this contact does not have to be in the form of specific academic support. Our goal is to work with parents and students to determine the type and amount of support and/or contact that is comfortable and useful for each student. Some of our support can include monitoring attendance and academic progress, cultural sessions, gathering events or field trips that might be of interest.

How can I find out who the Indigenous Education staff members are at my child's school?

You can ask at the school office, check on the Indigenous Education website, or call us at the Indigenous Education office (604-466-6265).

Who do I contact with other questions?

Please contact us by email at Kathleen_anderson@sd42.ca or by phone at 604-466-6265



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Parent/Guardian Consultation

Student's Legal Name: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____ (mm/dd/yy)

First Nations Status or First Nations Non-Status

Métis Inuit

School: _____ Grade: _____ Pupil #: _____

Cell #: _____ Email: _____

Indigenous Programs/Services (Not all programs/services are available in all schools)

Please indicate which of the following two categories what opportunities you would like us to provide for your student. If you wish to have both, please check both boxes.

Indigenous Culture and Language

Indigenous Support Services (academic)

<i>Ancestral Identity</i>	<i>Academic Support</i>
<i>Leadership Opportunities Grade 7-12</i>	<i>Student Advocacy</i>
<i>Development of Sense of Place</i>	<i>Course Selection/Credit development</i>
<i>Cultural activity plans/gatherings/guest presentations</i>	<i>Post-Secondary Information Session</i>
<i>Language Awareness</i>	<i>Graduation/Scholarship/Bursary</i>
<i>Home-School Liaison/Support (emails, phone calls, meetings etc.)</i>	<i>Post-Secondary: Access to relevant resources</i>

The information on this form is collected under the authority of the *School Act* and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)* and pursuant to School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Board Policy 5700 and Board Procedures 5700.1 and 5700.2. The information will be used by the School District for the purposes of offering, delivering, and/or administering Indigenous Education Programs/Services to students. If you have any questions or concerns about the collection, use or disclosure of the personal information collected please email privacy@sd42.ca. Please check off the box indicating you have read this information.

I, as the parent or legal guardian of this student, give my consent to the collection, use and disclosure of the personal information included in this form. I acknowledge that my child is of Indigenous Ancestry (First Nations, Inuit or Métis) and I am aware of the programs and services available through the Indigenous Education Program.

(parent/guardian signature)

(date signed (mm/dd/yyyy))

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: please return the form by emailing it to ied_reception@sd42.ca, or take it to your child's school. If you have any questions, please email ied_reception@sd42.ca, or call the Indigenous Education office at (604)466-6265.

<p>For Office Use Only: (if contact was not made in person)</p> <p>Communication via : Phone___ Email___ Other_____</p> <p>Contact Name : _____</p> <p>Staff Name : _____ Date : _____</p>
